

proaching the general his attention was called by that officer to the splinters adhering to the rough material of his overcoat, the bullets passing through the flimsy walls of the church having scattered particles of wood in all directions.

Dr. Voorhies was one of the vanguard of American students who went to Paris to pursue the study of ophthalmology. Mrs. Voorhies and he were received by the Emperor Napoleon and Empress Eugenie, going to the Tuilleries by special invitation, for Napoleon was unusually kind to ex-Confederate officers and their families, knowing well that the fate of Maximilian and the Empire of Mexico depended upon the success of the Confederacy. The military careers of both Dr. Voorhies and his father Col. Voorhies, as well as that of the former's father-in-law, Hon. David J. Bailey, who signed the ordinance of secession, and of his grandfather-in-law, Hon. Seaton Grantland, who gave at one time one hundred thousand dollars to the Confederate cause, were all known to the Emperor. Dr. Voorhies met his future wife in a very romantic manner during Sherman's march through Georgia.

Dr. Voorhies is survived by his widow, one son and four daughters.

DR. FRANK LEMUEL ADAMS.

Was there ever a kindlier, bigger-hearted, good-natured soul than Frank Adams? Who that has attended the meetings of the State Society for the last few years, will soon forget his kindly, welcoming smile, his whole-souled friendliness that wrapped him about as with a garment of sincerity. With him, nothing was too much to do for a friend—and who was not his friend? If he had an enemy in the world, that one had never the face to let the fact be known. The story of his good deeds and his open-hearted charity will never be told, for he alone could have told it—and he never did; his right hand never knew what his left hand gave away or to whom it was extended in help. The sunshine of the gods was in his heart and the cleanliness of his life and of his mind was as that of a little child. As some of us trooped wearisomely over to Oakland in the dreadful days of April, 1906, we turned first to Frank Adams; and everything that he had was ours—without the asking. It is a big and a rare man who can give all that he has and make himself trouble and inconvenience in the giving, and still do it in a manner that makes you feel you are doing him a favor. The good Lord alone knows why he makes so few men like Frank Adams.

Dr. Adams was born in Troy, New York, in 1858; he died very suddenly, of heart disease, at his home in Oakland on the night of November 20, 1908. He graduated from the University of California in 1881, and in 1883 was graduated from Cooper Medical College. He held many positions in medical societies, and was President of the State Society, 1904-1905, presiding at the meeting held at Riverside in April, 1905.

SUPPORT THE MEDICAL LAW.

The Southern delegation to the legislature met in caucus in Los Angeles early in December and listened to the views of the citizens of the South in regard to proposed legislation. At one of the sessions Drs. Walter Lindley, Jno. King, Granville MacGowan, Fitch Mattison and others, representing all the medical societies of the South, appeared and explained to the delegation the reasons why the law should remain unchanged.

JAMES CARROLL.

On November 21, at St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, a tablet commemorating the life and

services of James Carroll was unveiled. The inscription fittingly and briefly conveys the information of Dr. Carroll's services to this country and to humanity in aiding in the discovery of the mode of transmission of yellow fever. The tablet was erected by the regents of the University of Maryland and closes with the so-true quotation, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

SMALLPOX AND THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The State Board of Health has become alarmed at the increase of smallpox in some sections, and at the inertia of certain local prosecutors in not assuring the enforcement of the compulsory vaccination law. We understand that the Board is to take up these cases of lack of enforcement of the law very vigorously. It is certainly to be hoped that school boards can be made to see that the law is enforced or the schools closed.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

At the recent session of the board in Los Angeles, the members, instead of hiring watchers, did their own watching. It is reported that something over thirty cribs, compends, etc., were taken away from the candidates. The figures for the returns of the examination are not yet in, but we understand that something over fifty per cent failed to pass. Presumably there will be another bunch of discontented ones who will threaten to sue the board for their licenses.

CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS.

Sir: Your attention is directed to the following extracts from the Political Code, Statutes of California:

Section 3077—Physicians, midwives, nurses and other persons assisting at a birth shall return a certificate of such birth properly filled out, to the local Registrar WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS THEREAFTER.

Section 3082—Any officer or person who fails, neglects or refuses to perform any of the duties imposed upon him under the law for the registration of births, or by instructions and directions of the State Registrar, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

This is to inform you that on and after November 15, 1908, this department will not accept for registration any certificate not filed within the time limit prescribed by law.

We have been advised by the City Attorney that it would be illegal to do so, and in the event that physicians and midwives fail to perform their duty as set forth in said law, it will be incumbent upon this department to take steps to enforce same by causing the arrest and prosecution of all offenders.

BOARD OF HEALTH,
R. G. BRODRICK, M. D.,
Health Officer and Registrar.

Note.—Do not hold certificates back in order to secure the baptismal name of a child. Send in your certificate and instruct parents that it is their duty to notify this office when name is given.

COUNTY SOCIETIES MARIN COUNTY.

Resolutions passed at the last regular meeting. Whereas, We believe that the minimum pay of the officers of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service should at least be